



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

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Examiner Initial	Patent No. Publication No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date if appropriate
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-class	Translation YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Supplementary European Search Report dated October 12, 2006, corresponding to EP 03 76 8993 (PCT/US03/37136).

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